



# Preserving Surrey's Heritage

## Old Barn Motor House wins our top award

An old barn that has been restored and transformed into a showcase for the Royal Automobile Club's collection of vintage vehicles has been named Surrey's best heritage conservation project.

The Old Barn Motor House, Woodcote Park, Epsom scooped the top prize in the Surrey Heritage Awards 2017, organised by Surrey

Historic Buildings Trust and supported by Surrey Life Magazine. The architect and design team behind the conversion of the barn received their trophy and certificate from SHBT's Patron, Mr Michael More-Molyneux, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, in a ceremony at Loseley Park. Dame Helen Ghosh, Director-General of The National Trust, gave the keynote speech at the Awards ceremony.

In addition to the overall winner, two building conservation projects in Dorking were "Highly Commended" by the Surrey Heritage Awards judging panel: The Hope Mausoleum, Deepdene, and Mullins Court in West Street. Also shortlisted were: Undershaw (former home of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) in Hindhead, The Home of Compassion in Thames Ditton, and St Martha's Priory in Chilworth, near Guildford.



*Pictured above: The Old Barn Motor House, Epsom.*

*Pictured left: The project team receiving their trophy at Loseley Park. Photograph shows (from left) Mr Michael More-Molyneux (Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey); Mr Chris Anderson (Royal Automobile Club); Mr Matt Woollven (GQA - Architects); Mr Giles Quarme (GQA - Architects); Dr Nigel Barker (Chairman of judges, Surrey Heritage Awards); Dame Helen Ghosh (Director-General, The National Trust); Mr Stephen Scammell (Sawyer & Fisher - Quantity Surveyors); Mr Paul Snoddy (RAC).*

*Photo by Andy Newbold/Surrey Life.*

## Recent conservation grants

Recent grant applications approved by SHBT include:

- **Old Well Cottage, Hoe Lane, Peaslake.** This is a Grade II Listed open hall house dating from c.1400. A grant of £1,400 has been approved for re-rendering the whole of the front wall in three-coat lime.
- **Boundary Wall, Old Well Cottage.** The boundary wall at the same property is important because the wall has a high public profile in a rural location and contributes considerably to the setting of the listed house. Trustees approved a grant of £2,000 for repairs to the wall.

## Forthcoming events

**Tuesday 13th June – Walking tour of Gomshall,** one of Surrey’s most attractive villages, comprising many buildings of historic interest. (The photograph below left is of Gomshall Mill.) Our tour guide will be Jackie Malyon. We meet at Tillings cafe, Station Road (A25), Gomshall GU5 9NP, at 10.00am for coffee. The walk starts at 10.30am, finishing by 12.30. Cost: £10 per person.

**Wednesday 19th July – Visit to West Horsley Place.** We have been invited to visit this Grade I Listed former home of the Duchess of Roxburghe (now home to the Grange Park Opera) by its current owner, Mr Bamber Gascoigne. (West Horsley Place is pictured below right.) We meet at 2.00pm for a private tour of the property. The address is: West Horsley Place, Epsom Road (A246), Horsley KT24 6AN. Cost: £10 per person.

Please send cheques (payable to “Surrey Historic Buildings Trust”) to: Andy Smith, 24 Floral Court, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2JL. For further information on SHBT visits please call Andy Smith on 07737 271676.



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